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Hon. Colleen McMahon United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

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Re: U.S. v. Dono, et al., 08 CR 523 (CM)

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Dear Judge McMahon:

I am writing on behalf of defendant Thomas Dono to request an Order permitting him to attend the wake of his sister. Danielle, who died suddenly last night at age 36. Just two weeks ago, Danielle suffered a miscarriage and lost her twins at 21 weeks of her pregnancy; last night she had a massive heart attack and died at home.

I have spoken to AUSA Honig who consents to this request. We will require the Marshal's involvement as they will accompany Mr. Dono to the wake; Mr. Honig is in the process of contacting the Marshal and learning what needs to occur in order for such a trip to be undertaken. As soon as I learn of the exact time and place of the wake I will forward this information to the Court and the appropriate parties.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Lichtman

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Assistant United States Attorney

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